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Health Services and Development Agency Members
Ms. Melanie Hill, Executive Director
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Re: State Health Plan: Draft Policy Statement Regarding Certificates of Need; Draft
Principles Regarding Certificates of Need

Dear Agency Members, Ms. Hill, and Staff:

Enclosed with this letter are the above-referenced draft policy statement and draft principles regarding certificates of need that you received at the HSDA meeting this past Wednesday. I am also sending them to Ms. Hill via email and asking that they be posted on the HSDA website.

The purpose of these documents is to establish the over-riding State Health Plan policy goals and principles so that this Division and the HSDA (and others) can relate the future proposed changes in the certificate of need standards and criteria to them as these changes are developed. This draft policy statement was developed through the review of other CON states' health plans as well as the existing Guidelines For Growth policy statement.

We solicit your opinions on these draft documents and ask that you send any comments to this Division in care of Eric Harkness (email address: eric.harkness@state.tn.us) by April 18, 2008. Once they are finalized and in place, we will relate the PET Services revisions already drafted to them, and do the same for future revised CON standards and criteria.

Thank you for your help in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


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Director, Division of Health Planning

Enclosure

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